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10:30 is fine with me.

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From: Brancato, Gilda M (Main State)
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Could Sam, Ed, and JoAnn kindly meet with Will Taft, Bob and myself tomorrow morning (Friday) between 10:30 and 12:30, with 10:30 the best time for Will, on possible approaches to a UNCHR inquiry from the Working Group on Forced Disappearances about ghost detainees (reproduced below).

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Please confirm that 10:30 Friday works for you. Otherwise we will meet later in the morning (afternoon will not work).
Thank you all, Gilda

ANEX

WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

General allegations

United States of America

The Working Group received information from non-governmental organizations concerning the reported non-compliance by the Government of the United States of America with provisions of the Declaration on the Protection of All persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Reports were received by the Working Group regarding secret detention centers under United States' authority in various parts of the world, in which an unknown number of persons are detained. Reports assert that there was inadequate provision of notice to families about the capture of detainees and

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their conditions, legal status and rights. It is also reported that it is unclear in many circumstances which U.S. agency is ultimately responsible for the arrest or the conditions of confinement of the detainees in these facilities.

Reports further specify that the most sensitive and high-profile detainees are not being held in Guantanamo because it is believed that detainees there will eventually be monitored by the U.S. courts. It is stated that terrorism suspects are detained by the Untied States in "undisclosed locations," presumably outside the United States, with no access to the ICRC, no notification to families, no oversight of any sort of their treatment, and in most cases no acknowledgment that they are even being held. Information was provided on 13 specific alleged detainees, apprehended in places such as Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Morocco, and the United Arab Emirates, who have reportedly disappeared in U.S. custody.

American authorities have also apparently refused to disclose the names of men secretly detained during the past few years within the United States. Families have not been informed on the arrested persons' locations. Reports state that some of these detainees have now been released or deported.

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